NOTICE OF MEETING

TO: Education Interim Committee

FROM: Constance C. Steffen, Research Analyst

DATE: November 1, 2001

SUBJECT: November 14 Meeting

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson and Rep. Marda Dillree have scheduled a meeting of the Education Interim Committee as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, November 14, 2001

TIME:9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Room 303 State Capitol

An agenda is included. If you are unable to attend, please call me or Wendy Bangerter at 538-1032.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson, Senate Chair Rep. Marda Dillree, House Chair

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Rep. Jeff Alexander	Rep. Bradley T. Johnson	

AGENDA

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 14, 2001 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 303 State Capitol

9:00 a.m. 1. Call To Order

• Approval of minutes of October 24, 2001

9:05 a.m. 2. Needs of English Language Learners

At the October meeting, the committee requested a report on OCR's (Office of Civil Rights) review of school districts' programs for English language learners and information on funding available for ESL (English as a Second Language) programs.

Utah State Office of Education

9:40 a.m. 3. Standardized Accounting

The Utah State Office of Education will explain how the accounting practices of school districts will be standardized so that complete and comparable data may be obtained on the expenditure of school funds.

Mr. Pat O'Hara, Utah State Office of Education

9:55 a.m. 4. Modified School Week Pilot Program

The modified school week pilot program will terminate on July 1, 2002. In accordance with law, the State Board of Education will make recommendations as to the permanency of the program.

Mr. Steve Laing and Ms. Barbara Lawrence, Utah State Office of Education

10:05 a.m. 5. Consider Proposed Legislation, "Annual Reports Given to the Legislature"

Rep. Marda Dillree

10:20 a.m. 6. Substitute Teacher Report

As required by legislation enacted in the 2001 General Session, the Substitute Teaching Institute will report on its use of a legislative appropriation to conduct research and make recommendations regarding substitute teachers.

• Mr. Geoffrey Smith, Substitute Teaching Institute, Utah State University

10:30 a.m. 7. Rural Schools Proposals

The Utah Rural Schools Association will inform the committee of legislation it is proposing to address needs of rural schools.

• Supt. Brent Thorne, Utah Rural Schools Association

10:40 a.m. 8. Charter School Evaluation

As required by law, the State Board of Education will be conducting an evaluation of the charter school program. Sen. Steele will discuss the scope of the evaluation.

Sen. David Steele

10:45 a.m. 9. Report of the Enhancement of Public Education Task Force

The Enhancement of Public Education Task Force was created to review the roles and responsibilities of the State Office of Education. The task force will present proposed legislation for consideration by the interim committee.

• Sen. Howard Stephenson, Senate Chair, and Rep. Matt Throckmorton, House Chair, Enhancement of Public Education Task Force

11:55 p.m. 10. Other Business

12:00 p.m. 11. Adjourn